

## WORLD'S DAILY NEWS

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## BIG STRIKE FEARED

CHICAGO FACES ANOTHER SERIOUS LABOR WAR.

**The Truck Drivers May Go Out—Action Would Tie Up Business in the Windy City—Efforts to Reach a Settlement Have Been Futile.**

After negotiation at Chicago extending over several weeks, the Truck Drivers' Union and the Chicago Team Owners' Association are no nearer an agreement than at the beginning. Chicago is menaced by the prospect of a strike that will be of greater magnitude than any that has taken place since the disturbance of 1894.

The workers have asked an increase of wages amounting to about 10 per cent, making their pay range from \$12 to \$14 a week. They also demand a twelve-hour day. They now work twelve and a half hours.

The employers, 98 per cent of whom are represented by the owners' organization, have refused to make any concessions and offer only to renew the old agreement.

Merchants and shippers in almost every line, through their different organizations, have promised support to the team owners if it becomes necessary to endure a strike. They promised to stand without complaint a tie-up of any length.

"Team owners cannot stand higher wages," declared Secretary Cavanaugh of the owners' association. "Last May, in May, 1902, we granted the drivers higher wages and shorter hours. Since then we have not been able to increase the cartage charges. This has greatly increased our expenses without increasing our income. The bottom has dropped out of the teaming business. From 10 to 100 idle teamsters may be seen around any of the big barns each morning looking for work. We hope that there will not be a strike, but we cannot pay higher wages."

Truck drivers will meet Sunday to vote on the proposal to renew the old agreement. Twice this has been voted down. There is every indication that the offer of the employers will be rejected. The agreement expires May 1, and if some understanding is not reached shortly it is feared that 11,000 truck drivers will be ordered on strike.

Such a walkout would be more far reaching in its effect than any recent strike in Illinois. Every business and almost every family would be annoyed.

## MURDERER LOSES INSURANCE

Cannot Become Beneficiary of Policy on Wife's Life.

In the case of the supreme lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, the Illinois state supreme court entered a decision at Springfield to the effect that a husband cannot become the beneficiary of life insurance in his favor carried on the life of his wife, if he has murdered her.

The case is one appealed from the St. Clair County circuit court. The Knights and Ladies of Honor contested the payment of a \$1,000 life insurance policy in favor of Mrs. Elizabeth Menkhause on the ground that her husband, Gustave Menkhause, had been convicted of her murder. Menkhause is now serving a life sentence in Joliet. The supreme court holds that Menkhause's children are entitled to the insurance.

## EAGER TO FIGHT.

Thousands of Japanese Want to Go to the Front.

The war office at Tokio, Japan, is flooded with thousands of applications from men of every age and every condition of life for permission to go to the front. The applications come from time expired soldiers and boys too young to enlist in the army in regular manner. Many of them, following the Samurai custom, sign their applications with their own blood, and several are wholly written in blood. The volunteers have not yet been accepted.

The applications will be filed, and if volunteers are needed those who are now applying for active service will be given the first opportunity. The authorities at Tokio believe 500,000 volunteers could easily be secured.

## Robbed the Railroads.

Leonard Sherer, a St. Louis stenographer, has been arrested on the charge of having stolen annual railroad passes which, used to the limit at the rate of 3 cents a mile, would be worth over \$10,500. Sherer was arrested while attempting to dispose of a pass at a broker's office.

## Steamer Cowles Damaged by Fire

At Dubuque, Ia., a fire which originated in the engine room damaged the steamer C. W. Cowles to the extent of \$3,000. The cables were consumed by the flames. The boat was preparing to leave for the north.

## Queer Cause for Suicide.

Harold Stephenson, aged 21 years, said to be a son of Kate Claxton, the actress, shot and killed himself at New York. In a letter to his mother he said he destroyed himself because he found it impossible to make friends.

## Mine Slide Kills Miner.

By a slide at the Silver Cup mine at Lardau, B. C., a miner named Marable, a nephew of the mining superintendent, was killed and \$75,000 damage done to the plant.

## THE REED SMOOT CASE.

Testimony of Brigham H. Roberts at Investigation.

With the reopening of the investigation in the Reed Smoot case, before the senate committee on privileges and elections at Washington, the prosecution devoted considerable time to drawing from Brigham H. Roberts the character of oaths which are said to be necessary for a Mormon officer to take in order to have the support of the church for political office.

Members of the committee showed an equal interest in the obligations which are said to be taken by Mormons, who "go through the endowment house." Along both lines much evidence was brought out. It was shown by Mr. Roberts' testimony that without the consent of the Mormon church he failed of election to a seat in congress, and, later, with church recognition of his candidacy, he was elected.

In relation to the endowment house obligation, Mr. Roberts was extremely reticent. He said that the sacredness of the ceremony was such that he could not reveal it to the world, and that if he did so, he would lose caste with the church as having betrayed a trust.

Portions of the testimony given by Mr. Roberts, especially in regard to his reasons for maintaining polygamous cohabitation with his plural wives, was almost a duplication of the testimony given by other polygamists who have been on the stand. He said he regarded the laws of God as higher than the laws of the land, and that his moral obligation to his wives was greater than both the laws of God and of man.

It was announced Wednesday that seven witnesses would be heard before the adjournment of congress. It is practically certain the committee will then adjourn to convene in Salt Lake City in July. Important testimony for the prosecution is expected to be developed at this session of the committee.

## ROESKI IS GUILTY.

Car Barn Bandits' Accomplice Escapes the Noose.

Emil Roeski, companion and accomplice of the Chicago car barn bandits in many of their alleged crimes, was Wednesday found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Otto Bauer, in a saloon which Marx, Van Dine and Roeski were attempting to hold up.

During the trial Marx testified he shot Bauer in an attempt to kill Roeski, in fear the latter would inform on the others.

Roeski's guilt was established upon the first ballot, but an hour's argument among the jurors ensued before the punishment was determined upon.

The defense maintained that Roeski was innocent and attempted to show that a plot had been formed between Van Dine and Marx to kill Roeski because he "knew too much" about their crimes.

## HORROR IN ITALY.

One Hundred Miners Are Buried by an Immense Avalanche.

Advices from Turin, Italy, state that about 100 miners have been buried by an immense avalanche near the village of Prato. A violent storm is sweeping over that locality. It is feared other avalanches may result. The whole population of the village and a detachment of soldiers have gone to the scene of the disaster, hoping to save some of the buried miners.

An avalanche from the Spitzhorn swept the hamlet of Muehlbach, near Breig, Switzerland. The inhabitants were asleep at the time and thirteen were killed.

## PRISON FOR FORMER DIVINE.

Actor Charles McKown Gets One Year for Embezzlement.

A special from Oshkosh, Wis., says: Charles Woodruff McKown, actor, theatrical promoter, and at one time a Methodist minister, was sentenced to one year at Waupun for embezzlement. A year ago he promoted an amateur entertainment here and fled on the eve of its presentation with the funds.

McKown is a graduate of the class of '98 of Albion College, Mich., of which institution his father was president. He was pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, of New York; played with Booth, Keene and Barrett, and also served in the civil war.

## Barrington Ready to Die.

"Lord" Seymour Barrington, convicted of the murder of James P. McKann, a turfman, has instructed his attorney at St. Louis not to enter an appeal in his case. He declares his innocence, but says that he is ready to die, as his imprisonment has become unbearable.

## Vote for Arbitration.

Returned from various parts of the state indicates that although the vote of the New York unions of lithographers was against the arbitration agreement recently submitted to them by the employers, the total will be in favor of the proposition. The New York unions will abide by the decision of the majority.

## Hungarian Railway Men Out.

The strike of railway men at Budapest for increased pay, which began Tuesday against the Hungarian Western Railway, has become general on all the Hungarian state railways, and traffic is at a complete standstill.

## Mines Found at Sea.

According to Nagasaki dispatches, contact mines have been found floating near forty miles from Cape Shang Tung and twenty-five miles from Wei Hai Wei. Three were discovered and destroyed by the Japanese fleet.

## Strike Makes Many Idle.

Three hundred employees of the picture molding factory of D. H. Fritts & Co. at Chicago have been thrown out of work because thirty workmen are on a strike, demanding the "closed shop."

## TORONTO IS BURNING.

A Fire is Sweeping the Wholesale District.

A special dispatch from Toronto, Ont., says: Fire swept through a section of Toronto's wholesale district Tuesday, causing a loss which will reach up into the millions. The fire started in a factory in Wellington Street about 9 o'clock. In less than an hour the flames had spread from building to building on both sides of the street until the whole block was a mass of flames and the fire was utterly beyond control of the local department. Appeals were sent to every surrounding city where fire apparatus could be obtained, asking for assistance. Montreal, London, Hamilton and Buffalo at once responded.

It was believed at 11 o'clock that the fire was under control, but a sudden shifting of the wind again fanned the flames into a roar, and clouds of sparks and burning brands were carried down side streets until three entire blocks were doomed.

The firemen were making a gallant fight amid the falling buildings and a mass of tangled wires, but their efforts at midnight seemed to be fruitless.

Chief Thompson, of the fire department, and George Dowkes of Montreal, were cut off by the flames while directing the work of firemen from a roof. Thompson jumped six stories to the ground and miraculously escaped with a broken leg. Dowkes has not been seen since, and it is believed he perished.

At one time the firemen believed that the fire was under control, but a shift in the wind sent the flames roaring down Bay Street, destroying every building on both sides of the street from the National Club to Front Street.

Nothing could resist the force of the flames as they swept down Bay Street towards the lake, and the firemen fought back the fire from side streets, confining the fire zone to the one thoroughfare wherever possible.

Several frame buildings which threatened to cause a spread of the fire were blown up with dynamite.

At 12:00 o'clock Wednesday morning Bay Street was on fire from Wellington Street down to the lake front, but the firemen were meeting with success in their efforts to prevent a further spread, and it is believed the fire will burn itself out there.

The loss will reach \$10,000,000.

## BLOOD MAY FLOW.

Serious Rioting is Feared in Pennsylvania Town.

The striking coal miners at Garrett, Pa., are reported to have taken possession of the town. Armed men are patrolling the street. A mob armed with rifles and shotguns is reported to have surrounded the works of the Garrett Coal Company.

An outbreak is momentarily expected between the strikers and miners in the company barracks. The latter are nearly all Italians and are said to be armed and prepared to resist an attack if made. Sheriff Coleman, with a posse of twenty-five, has started from Somerset for the scene of the trouble.

At least 200 shots were exchanged between the mob and the men at the mines Monday night, but so far no fatalities have been reported.

## BANK SAFE LOOTED.

Robbers Make a Successful Raid at Naper, Neb.

Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock burglars entered and blew open the safe in the Bank of Naper, Neb., of which R. Crosby is president. They secured about \$1,200.

The whole plate glass front of the bank was entirely blown out. The robbers are supposed to have gone south or west. The sheriff is expected from Butte with bloodhounds. There is no clew.

## Postmaster's Son Gets Two Years.

Edward Griffith, son of the postmaster at Great Bend, Kan., and who stole a registered package containing \$5,000 en route from Kansas City to Great Bend, pleaded guilty in the federal court at Topeka and was sentenced to two years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth.

## Perished in the Flames.

The dwelling of Jerry Meyers, a miner, who formerly worked at Garrett, Pa., was discovered on fire. Mrs. Meyers, two daughters, son and two young children perished in the flames. Reports as to the origin of the fire are conflicting, but all agree it was the work of incendiaries.

## Will Live to Hang.

County Physician McNamara said Tuesday that Niedermeier, the Chicago car barn bandit, would live to die on the gallows next Friday. Niedermeier's throat and stomach are in such condition he can eat no solid foods. Nourishment is given him in every spoonful of medicine.

## Frisco Faces Big Strike.

The troubles between the Street Car Men's Union and the United Railways at San Francisco are believed to be reaching a critical stage. A joint conference did not result in any agreement. The men demand increased wages and the employment of union men only.

## Blizzard in Ohio.

According to a Cleveland, O., dispatch, snow fell at many points in northern Ohio Tuesday. In Cleveland the thermometer registered 27 above. The snow was accompanied by a fierce northwestern gale.

## Weave Grain Company Fails.

Upon the petition of creditors, Judge Kohlsaat, in the federal court at Chicago, Tuesday appointed the Chicago Title and Trust Company receiver for the Weave Grain Company.

## STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

**Lineman Defies a Swarm of Bees Which Had Taken Possession of Cable Box—Repairs Damaged Wire While Insects Sting.**

The other afternoon Charles Diehl, a Union Pacific lineman, was sent along the line to locate and repair a break in the wire. When he arrived at Portal he found a cross in the wires and in order to get at the trouble it was necessary for him to tear open a cable box located on the top of the pole.

This he proceeded to do, but was considerably surprised when he discovered that he had run amuck of a swarm of bees which had taken possession of this particular box. The bees swarmed out by the hundreds, some getting down Diehl's neck and others making such severe efforts to expel the intruder that Diehl was soon compelled to beat a hasty and ungraceful retreat down the pole.

There was no way of smoking the bees out, they being on top of a fifty-foot pole, neither was there any other way to get rid of them, and it was imperative that the wires be repaired immediately. Farmers came to the rescue and suggested all kinds of remedies which, upon being tried, resulted in nothing but stings, the bees holding the fort.

Time was being wasted and Diehl concluded that stringent methods must be employed and accordingly he resolved to make the repairs in spite of the bees. Reaching the pole he set to work with a will amid a perfect cloud of the insects and performed the task, receiving the hearty plaudits of the onlookers.

## TWO WOMEN BADLY INJURED

Run Into by John Duggan's Team on Road to Homer.

A Dakota City special says: Mrs. James John Clayton and Frank Sawyers, while en route from Dakota City to their homes at Homer Saturday night, met with an accident that luckily only resulted in them both being badly bruised up. When near the Robert Lapsley place the vehicle they occupied was run into from behind by John Duggan of Hubbard. Duggan's team ran right on top of the vehicle occupied by the women and both were trampled under the horses' feet. Mrs. Clayton secured a knife from the vehicle with which she cut the lines of Duggan's horses and thus allowed the team to get away.

George Hirschbach, who happened along, assisted the women from their predicament and conveyed them to the home of R. C. Hileman, where a physician was summoned. Both are badly bruised and Mrs. Sawyer is injured in her back. It was lucky that the women escaped with their lives.

## Find an Old Coin.

While counting his cash a few evenings ago George J. Hays of Columbus, found a silver dollar of the mintage of 1790. It is a well-preserved coin, and Mr. Hays is of the opinion that it bears a premium, though he has been unable to find it listed. On one side is the Goddess of Liberty surrounded by thirteen stars and the words "United States of America." On the reverse the eagle holds a bundle of thirteen arrows in one claw and an olive branch with thirteen leaves in the other. The edge of the coin instead of being milled bears the inscription "One dollar or one hundred cents."

## Smothered in Shelled Corn.

Two boys, Lester Kermode and Alfred Boyd, aged respectively 7 and 15 years, lost their lives at Falls City while playing in an elevator containing 40,000 bushels of shelled corn. The elevator of the boys' presence, elevator men opened the chute to fill a car, and in the rush of the grain the boys were carried under and smothered.

## Farmers Want Elevator.

Upon the request of many farmers in the vicinity of Springfield, C. Vincent, state organizer of the Farmers' Co-Operative Shipping Association, was in that town looking over the ground to ascertain the advisability of erecting an elevator. If a building is erected there will undoubtedly be put up at Papillion also.

## School Board Offers Bonds.

The school board of York is advertising for sealed bids to be received up to May 2, by George Holdenman, secretary, for the purchase of \$28,000 bonds bearing 5 per cent. Owing to the large amount of surplus money in the hands of York County farmers, it is believed that possibly the entire issue may be sold right in York and York County.

## Letter Attached to Will.

The will of John Cose, late of Elkhorn Township, was filed in the county court at Fremont and with it a sealed letter, the contents of which are at present unknown. It was executed in 1891 and later two codicils were added. It gives his wife a dower interest in his property in addition to a legacy, and divides the remainder between the children.

## Charged with Illegal Voting.

At the instance of a Law and Order League, recently organized at Bassett, James Hall filed complaints in the county court charging Joe Stoleport and A. C. Campbell with illegal voting at the recent municipal election. Stoleport was arrested and his trial is set for May 6.

## Pays Fine for Assault.

Louie Eugler was arrested and lodged in jail on a charge of assaulting Carl Schultz with a knife on March 26, with intent to do great bodily harm. He pleaded guilty and was released after paying a fine.

## Sheriff Sells Telephones.

The line of the Interstate Telephone Company, which was built between Virginia and Beatrice some years ago, but which failed to continue its business, was sold at sheriff's sale at Beatrice. The company was incorporated under the laws of Missouri.

## Fortune for Beatrice Woman.

Mrs. Mary Sisson of Beatrice, widow of the late Dr. William Sisson, received word from New York City that she had fallen heir to \$2,000,000 in Scotland, left her by her grandfather.

## DAKOTA COUNTY SENSATION.

Serious Charge Against a Homer Bank Cashier.

Last Monday Miss Gertrude McKinley of Homer filed a complaint in County Judge Elmer's court at Dakota City, charging Harold W. O'Connor with the crime of bastardy, claiming he is the father of a male child born to her on March 16.

O'Connor appeared before Judge Elmer Wednesday and gave bonds for his appearance on April 29.

Harold W. O'Connor is the cashier of the Homer State Bank, and the son of C. J. O'Connor, banker of Homer. He is 21 years of age.

Gertrude McKinley is the daughter of Denore McKinley, and is 18 years of age. She has been teaching school, but recently was obliged to give up her position.

## FOUND IN RUINS OF HIS BARN

Some Suspicion Victim May Have Been Murdered.

Ira C. Diamond, a ranchman living eighteen miles southeast of Gordon, was found in the ruins of his barn Wednesday afternoon. Coroner Lewis of Valentine was notified and an inquest was held, the verdict being that he came to his death by accidental burning in his own barn.

The deceased was a man about 40 years of age, quiet and peaceable, and has resided in the vicinity about three years. He was a widower with two grown sons and lived alone upon the ranch.

There is some suspicion of foul play, as it was known that Diamond had fears that his life was in danger, and it is said that a short time ago he was in Gordon consulting an attorney concerning threats that had been made against him.

## BANK ROBBERS AT NAPER.

Secure Twelve Hundred Dollars After Blowing Safe.

Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock burglars entered and blew open the safe of the Bank of Naper, of which R. Crosby is president. There were two explosions and the men secured about \$1,200. The whole plate glass front of the building was entirely blown out.

A. J. Standiford heard the noise, dressed and came to the street, where he watched the north road, but no one went in that direction, so it is supposed that the burglars have gone south or west. The sheriff is expected from Butte with bloodhounds, but there is no clue to work upon. The bank carried no casualty insurance. It offers \$500 reward for the capture of the men.

## GIRL WANTS TO WED NEGRO.

Black Man is Arrested on the Charge of Kidnapping.

Edward Gill, a colored Lincoln Hotel waiter at Lincoln, was brought over to the district court on the charge of kidnapping Evelyn Knapp, a white girl, 16 years of age, from her home at 813 Maple Street, Des Moines, Ia.

Two months ago the couple were arrested at a Lincoln hotel where they were on the complaint of relatives. The girl declared that she was now infatuated with the negro and wanted to marry him. Gill could not raise \$500 bail and was sent to the county jail. The police matron took charge of the girl.

## Leaves Big Roll in Room.

John Doerr, proprietor of the New York Hotel at Fremont, while looking over the rooms at the hotel, found a pocketbook stuck in a mirror of a dressing case. He opened it and was surprised to find that it contained a number of \$100 bills. While counting the money and wondering who, if anyone, occupied the room the night before, a man came in rather hurriedly and told the landlady that he came from the town without his pocketbook, which he had stuck in the mirror for safe keeping. The amount of his roll exceeded \$10,000.

## Boy Accidentally Shot.

Aaron Steuvers, a young man 19 years old, living about ten miles north of Hooper, was accidentally shot by Emil Suhr, a neighbor. Young Suhr had gone over to the Steuvers farm with his new gun, and while showing the workings of the weapon to a friend it was accidentally discharged, the charge striking the right hand and side of young Steuvers. Medical aid was summoned immediately and it is not thought that the injury will result seriously.

## Dies Suddenly on Train.

Richard O'Neill, well dressed and apparently about 28 years of age, a passenger on Union Pacific Overland No. 2, York City, died very suddenly of heart disease just before the train reached Council Bluffs. He had \$21.75 in currency and a foreign passport office issued at San Francisco for \$80.00. He had also good letters of recommendation from his employers at San Francisco.

## Hope to Arrest Kelley.

A Fremont dispatch says there are still some prospects for the arrest of James Kelley, the man who is supposed to have shot Harry Rodgers, alias Snowden, at Humphrey about three weeks ago. Sheriff Bauman has arrested a boy who is known to have been with Kelley after the shooting and is believed to know considerable about the affair. He will be held for a few days to await further developments.

## Hand Crushed in Machinery.

Charles Tague, a laborer in the employ of George Meisner, while working on an elevator grinding cone Wednesday morning, met with a very painful accident. He was working around the rolls in the elevator and in some manner his right hand was drawn into the machine and terribly crushed and mangled. He was brought at once to town and the member amputated at the wrist.

## Fire at Oxford.

A fire at Oxford destroyed an elevator and cold storage house. Loss, \$8,000.

## Burglary at Nettich.

Some persons unknown entered the dwelling of W. J. Bogardus on Sunday night while the family was at church and carried off Mrs. Bogardus' gold watch and chain, together with silverware amounting in all to \$50 or \$60 in value.

## District Court at Ainsworth.

The district court convened with Judge Harrington presiding. All the jury cases were put over to the fall term and court will adjourn after passing on a few equity cases.



## NEBRASKA

Short Notes

The Knights and Ladies of Macabees held their formal convention proceedings at Omaha, April 12.

D. B. Clapp, a student of the Lincoln Medical College, fell from a bicycle and was dangerously injured.

Contractor Jiresey of Omaha has secured the brick and mason work on the new residence to be erected by Mr. T. F. Birmingham of O'Neill.

J. W. Stringfellow of Omaha, charged with having his saloon open between the hours of midnight and 4 a. m. April 7, has been fined \$100 and costs in police court.

August Raasch and August Doering, two of the pioneer German settlers of Norfolk, who came up into the Elkhorn valley in 1838 with the first colony, are dead.

At a meeting of the board of supervisors of Gage County a petition was presented signed by thirty freeholders of the village of Virginia, asking that the place be incorporated.

Henry Hatfe, for the past two years engaged in the bakery business at Beatrice, died Saturday of Bright's disease, aged 42 years. He is survived by his wife and three children.

Arthur L. Warrick, a lawyer of Omaha, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court. His liabilities are given at \$1,537.24 and his assets at \$427.50.

The Fremont city council turned down the application of the fire department for an increase of \$250 in the pay of the chief, also the plan to increase the pay of the policemen \$10 per month.

The late cold snap has been severe on the fruit crop around Kearney, but as the buds on the trees are not very far advanced, on account of the lateness of the season, it is thought no damage will result.

Frank Donner of Antelope County, who was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for six years upon a charge of stealing two steers from John Thompson, has appealed his case to the supreme court.

Frank Hardenberger, the pioneer shoemaker of old Sheridan, now Auburn, is dead. He was over four-score years old at the time of his death and had reared a large family. He was born in Germany.

Dan Lynch was nearly trampled to death near Atkinson by his team. He had begun feeding the animals, when they became frenzied and kicked him down. A gash ten inches long was chopped into his skull.

Because he wants to stop drinking, Frank Smith, a Lincoln clock maker, requested the police Friday to warn saloon men not to sell him any more liquor and also requested the police to arrest him if they saw him take another drink.

The Nebraska Workman, just issued, shows that the Nebraska jurisdiction of the Ancient Order of United Workmen is the largest in the world, having just won a contest against Kansas for membership. The jurisdiction now reaches almost 40,000.

H. D. Nordyke, who since 1870 has been a resident of Dakota City, was taken to Lincoln to be placed in the state asylum for treatment. Mr. Nordy